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## **Sen. Allen announces \$1 million in grants to downtowns**

**LANSING** – State Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, today announced that two communities in the 37th Senate District will receive more than \$1.2 million in Community Development Block Grants from the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

“This is wonderful news for northern Michigan,” Allen said. “Residents of both Boyne City and Rogers City will greatly benefit from the grants awarded. These projects will greatly improve the quality of life for the people living in each of these communities and allow for additional economic growth in the downtowns.”

Boyne City will receive \$1 million to be used for improvements of public streets, water and sewer lines. Currently, the city’s sewer system does not have sufficient grade and capacity for the present sewage flow.

The city will upgrade about 3,100 linear feet of sanitary sewer, 1,400 linear feet of storm sewer and 800 linear feet of water main. The streets associated with the project will be reconstructed.

The local contribution for Boyne City is \$973,000, which will come from the city’s Downtown Development Authority and the city’s water, sewer and general funds.

Rogers City will benefit from \$291,000 to be used for replacement and upgrade of the sanitary sewer system. The funds will also allow for upsizing the current water main, construction of a new storm sewer and drainage improvements and reconstruction of Larke Avenue. The project will be located on Larke Avenue between State and Linden streets.

The local contribution is \$125,000 and will come from the city’s major street fund.

“These grants will allow these two communities to make vast improvements,” said Allen. “I’m happy to see these downtown projects being funded. This is a great opportunity for continued prosperity for both Boyne City and Rogers City.”

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